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The defense team of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev – who, along with his older brother, was responsible for three deaths and hundreds of injuries at the 2013 Boston Marathon – are filing for a reexamination of his death sentence. Arguments, likely citing juror bias, will be heard Thursday by U.S. Appeals Court Judge Juan R. Torruella. 2

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8 THINGS TO KNOW

This April 2015 courtroom sketch depicts US District Judge George O'Toole speaking during the sentencing phase of Dzkohkar Tsarnaev's trial. REUTERS

Boston's trauma to be dissected as marathon bomber appeals death sentence

Lawyers for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev argue jurors were too traumatized to be unbiased.

This city's deepest wound – the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings that killed three and injured hundreds more – will be re-examined Thursday when lawyers for bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev seek to have his death sentence lifted, arguing that the jury pool was too traumatized to render a fair verdict.

The then-19-year old Tsarnaev and his 26-year-old brother Tamerlan sparked five days of panic in Boston that began April 15, 2013, when they detonated a pair of homemade pressure cooker bombs at the race's packed finish line. The pair eluded capture for days, punctuated by a gun battle with police in Watertown that killed Tamerlan and led to a daylong lockdown of Boston and most of its suburbs while heavily armed officers and troops conducted a house-to-house search for Dzhokhar.

Tsarnaev's defense team, in briefs filed with the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston, argued that the unprecedented shelter-in-place order biased the pool of potential jurors, including one actual juror who joined the unanimous vote for the death penalty.

96.5%

Tsarnaev's own lawyers found 96.5% of respondents in Washington, his preferred venue for the trial, had heard of the bombings.

The manhunt for the younger Tsarnaev, now 26, left an indelible mark on the city. Armored vehicles and thousands of National Guard troops cast a dragnet across the Boston suburb of Watertown. Just before a resident found a wounded Tsarnaev hiding in a boat parked in his backyard, a broadcast of a Boston police scanner channel attracted nearly 265,000 listeners.

"Even if a juror honestly believes before trial that he or she can objectively hear the evidence, when a community has been aroused to a fever pitch, the prospective juror may come to fear returning to neighbors with anything other than a guilty verdict and a death sentence," Tsarnaev's defense team wrote in a legal brief.

U.S. Justice Department lawyers disagreed, saying Tsarnaev received a fair trial. The department has noted a survey conducted for Tsarnaev's own lawyers found 96.5% of respondents in Washington, his preferred venue for the trial, had heard of the bombings.

But legal experts say arguing that some jurors were tainted with bias may offer the defense team its best bet in winning relief from the court. The defense and prosecution each will get an hour to argue their side before an appellate panel of judges.

"Of course, (the defense) will throw in the kitchen sink, the bedroom furniture and everything else in hoping something sticks," said Robert Bloom, a professor at Boston College Law School. "That is what you do in these cases."

The defense team says the trial should not have been held in Boston, that some jurors made false statements before their selection, and that the jury should have heard that Tamerlan had been a suspect in a 2011 triple homicide.

A friend of Tamerlan admitted to the FBI having committed the murders with him, according to recently unsealed court documents. The jury did not hear about those murders during the trial.

The younger Tsarnaev was sentenced to death in 2015 after a jury found him guilty of killing three people: Martin Richard, 8; Chinese exchange student Lingzi Lu, 26, and restaurant manager Krystle Campbell, in the bombing; as well as murdering Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer Sean Collier, 26, three days later as the brothers attempted to flee the city.

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Before the bombings, the younger Tsarnaev had no record of serious criminal offense. But Tamerlan was aggressive, domineering and likely homicidal before driving his younger brother to join him in carrying out the bombings, according to the defense team's line of reasoning in court papers.

Tsarnaev's defense team also says the jury's foreperson falsely denied, during the selection process, calling Tsarnaev a "piece of garbage" on Twitter. That juror lived in Dorchester, the same neighborhood as the attack's youngest victim, according to defense team legal briefs.

During the trial, Richard's family asked U.S. prosecutors to consider taking the death penalty off the table. They said the death penalty could bring years of appeals and prolong reliving the most painful day of their lives, according to a letter published in the Boston Globe newspaper. A poll by the Globe also showed that about two-thirds of Massachusetts residents favored a life sentence for Tsarnaev. REUTERS

2 Colorado Planned Parenthood shooter indicted

A man accused of fatally shooting three people at a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado in 2015 was indicted by a U.S. grand jury on dozens of federal charges that could result in the death penalty, U.S. prosecutors said on Monday. Robert Dear, 61, was taken into custody early on Monday at the State Mental Hospital in Pueblo, Colorado, and was scheduled to appear before a U.S. magistrate in Denver later in the day. Dear, who was previously charged with multiple state counts of murder and dozens of additional crimes in the shooting in Colorado Springs, has repeatedly been deemed by an appeals court to be mentally unfit to stand trial. The accused gunman said during previous court appearances that he was guilty, proclaiming himself "a warrior for the babies." His outbursts prompted a court mandated mental evaluation of the suspect. REUTERS

3 U.S. Nov. border arrests drop amid Trump crackdown

The Border Patrol arrested about 34,000 migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border in November, a 75 percent drop from a recent high point in May, according to statistics released on Monday by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Border arrests - which are used to estimate illegal crossings - initially plummeted after U.S. President Donald Trump took office in January 2017. However, they soared in the spring to monthly levels higher than those under Trump's predecessor, former President Barack Obama. The Trump administration credits the decline to tougher asylum policies and increased cooperation with Mexico and Central American nations. Still, the decrease only brings the arrest figures in line with the average November over the past decade. REUTERS

4 Russia banned from next Olympics and World Cup

Russia was banned from the world's top sporting events for four years on Monday, including the next summer and winter Olympics and the 2022 soccer World Cup, for tampering with doping tests. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) executive committee acted after concluding that Moscow had planted fake evidence and deleted files linked to positive doping tests in laboratory data that could have helped identify drug cheats. The decision was a huge blow to the pride of a nation that has traditionally been a powerhouse in many sports but whose reputation has been tarnished by a series of doping scandals. "For too long, Russian doping has detracted from clean sport," WADA President Craig Reedie said after a meeting of WADA's executive committee in the Swiss city of Lausanne. REUTERS

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Experts: MBTA safety woes underscored by trust, fear issues

Fiscal belt-tightening, a lack of trust in leadership, and frequent lapses in maintenance all contributed to a 'questionable' approach to safety at the MBTA, concluded an explosive new report.

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The three outside experts, tapped to review the T after a string of derailments this summer, found that many existing safety issues likely go unreported and that the MBTA does not have a culture in place that focuses enough on avoiding hazards on its core transit system.

"In almost every area we examined, deficiencies in policies, application of safety standards or industry best practices, and accountability were apparent," the safety review panel wrote. "The foundation for safety is also not obvious as the agency has not identified or adopted a comprehensive vision, mission, values or set of strategies and goals to guide the agency's actions to achieve a safe work environment and to deliver quality service."

The problems identified by the experts are both operational and cultural in nature, from insufficient maintenance staff to a "deflated, helpless and in some cases hopeless" sentiment among leadership to employees who do not report issues because they fear retribution, according to an executive summary of the report.

"In essence, safety is not the priority at the T, but it must be," the experts wrote.

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak told reporters Monday that the report was "sobering."

"We understood the gravity of the report and everyone understands the need to change the culture here at the T," he said.

Despite the criticisms in their report, the trio – former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, former acting administrator of the Federal Transit Administration Carolyn Flowers and former New York City Transit President Carmen Bianco – stressed Monday that MBTA trains are still safe for passengers.

"The T is safe, but the T can be safer, like all points of transportation," LaHood told reporters at a Monday morning press conference.

Experts said the challenges are limited to the MBTA's subway system. The Keolis-operated commuter rail "is performing well and does not face many of the challenges that were identified on the transit side of the house," they wrote.

Gov. Charlie Baker, whose administration has come under fire for frequent service disruptions on the T, said he is "fully confident" that Poftak can oversee implementation of the group's recommendations.

> **"We believe that part of the problem with the culture that exists today is the revolving door of GMs."**
>
> Carmen Bianco

"One of the reasons you do a deep dive review like this is to find out where your issues and your opportunities are and that's exactly what this report represents," Baker told reporters. "That's why we're so glad to have it and so anxious to implement it."

The group conducted more than 100 interviews, hosted six focus groups and visited sites across the MBTA network as it researched the T's safety culture.

Running through every concern, the panel wrote, is frequent turnover at the top: since 2010, the MBTA has had nine different general managers.

"We believe that part of the problem with the culture that exists today is the revolving door of GMs," Bianco said at the Monday board meeting. "The longevity of a general manager is just about 13 months, hardly enough time to begin to put in place or to understand the strengths and weaknesses of the organization, to understand what's the strategy we're going to follow going forward."

In their final report released Monday, the experts made 34 recommendations and suggested 61 corrective actions, several of which are already underway. The T must also draft a written safety policy and transit safety plan by July 2020 under federal regulations.

The most important step, Flowers told the Fiscal and Management Control Board, is to ensure the MBTA is "resourced properly" so there are enough qualified employees to conduct preventative maintenance and inspections. STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

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"Hopefully it can be a conversation starter"

Filmmaker Irene Taylor Brodsky talks deeply-personal new film, "Moonlight Sonata: Deafness in Three Movements."

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Brodsky utilized animation for the film. PROVIDED

In documentary-style films and series, you see an abundant amount of filmmakers completely immerse themselves into their narrative and characters to give audiences an inside look at a certain subject. With Oscar-nominated director Irene Taylor Brodsky's latest film, "Moonlight Sonata: Deafness in Three Movements," you get that in-depth look but at an extremely personal subject to her – her family. "Moonlight Sonata" follows Brodsky's deaf son Jonas, who is learning to navigate life and music while developing his disability, while his deaf grandfather (Brodsky's father) slowly begins his own difficult journey health-wise. On top of it all, Jonas is determined to learn Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," which consequently was the very piece of music the composer penned while going deaf himself.

Brodsky sat down with Metro to discuss her inspiration for the film, the challenges surrounding documenting within your own family and dive into more on the conversations she hopes "Moonlight Sonata" starts.

You've given audiences an inside look at your family life before with your 2007 docufilm "Hear and Now." Why choose to turn the cameras back on your family life now?

I did tell myself the last time I made a family film that it would be one for a lifetime. But I think the story surrounding Beethoven and my son was just too powerful to pass up. I realized my deaf son was determined to learn this piece written by a composer as he was going deaf – and Jonas had no idea what Beethoven's backstory was. So I figured out what a watershed time this was for Beethoven, and I also realized gosh, I have 200 years of the deaf experience right in front of me: this piece of music which lives on through the composition and the melody that we know as "Moonlight Sonata," and then my son who is a very 21st-century deaf kid. I just knew it was an opportunity to really explore a lot of themes around disability and creativity.

One aspect I really enjoyed about the film was the different cinematic tools utilized such as the animations peppered in representing Beethoven – what was the inspiration behind that?

I knew from the get-go that depicting Beethoven would be a challenge. Beethoven lived before there were any pictorial records, so I looked at other examples of Beethoven in popular cinema, filmmaking and documentaries – but I just really wanted to depart from that. Living in Portland, Oregan, we are a real animator town. There are a lot of independent animators who have so much talent, so I decided to use animation to depict it. That was a first for me as a documentary filmmaker, I had never really poured myself into using animation as a cinematic tool. It's a very abstract idea, but I knew that I didn't want to depict Beethoven always as a human being, I wanted to have my viewer kind of rely on their own depiction of who he might be. So sometimes you'll see him without a full face, sometimes he's a bird, sometimes he's just a hand with planets swirling around. So hopefully the animation sparks people's imagination.

As the film goes on, your son is progressing but we also see your father run into his own challenges. Did this change the narrative of the film from when you first started?

Absolutely. With every documentary, a good filmmaker must be open to the narrative shifting and changing. All we can do when we set out is say, "This is what I think my film is going to be." We don't really know until life unfolds in front of us. In the case of this film, I started thinking that the film was going to tell the story about a deaf boy and a deaf composer. But really, as I saw Jonas' deaf grandfather starting to come of age as an older deaf adult and develop his own problems, I thought it was a really poignant entry into the loss Beethoven might have felt. My dad was losing his mind in much of the same way that Beethoven was mysteriously losing his hearing. Neither of them knew how to stop it, neither of them necessarily saw it coming, yet as it was happening they were acutely aware of it. So, the film became a story not only about creativity and the generation of ideas but also about loss as well. Beethoven lost his hearing, my father lost his mind and Jonas through it all was sort of coming of age and understanding his own loss with his hearing as a young child could actually become a tool for him as a musician.

Is it difficult to work on a project that is this personal?

I think from the get-go this film was very much an artistic and spiritual endeavor. It felt professional because I am a professional, and I apply my standards, but I also just made it very intuitively. I often had to pick up the camera in my own home when I was in the middle of a mundane activity, but then something would happen that I really needed to film or that I thought was a really important building block in the narrative. So to that extent, it was grueling because you had to be on all of the time. I had to be ready at a moment's notice, and that was the professional in me, but it was also really the mother in me and the more intuitive artist that had been developing in me to make those choices – do I pick up the camera for this, or do I leave it alone? I also think there were times where I really had to check-in on the family and make sure that there was not any resentment creeping up around filming. So I tried to be reasonable – but my family is very accustomed to having cameras around, I'm sort of an obsessive documentarian, even if it's just on my iPhone. I have to give the characters in my film a lot of credit though because they really tolerated the camera more than I think most people would.

Overall what do you hope audiences take away from the film?

I hope it's a film that makes us think about our own families and all of the life lessons that are right under our noses that we are living with every day. But more broadly, I think this is a film about people with differing abilities. There has been a very common narrative in literature and history surrounding people with disabilities when they do something great, it's always in spite of their disability. I think we don't give that so-called disability the credit that it deserves for how it makes individual people more insightful, sensitive, intuitive or even more able. It makes them ultra-able to take things on. Watching my son grow up and my father grow old, there are so many things about their deafness that contribute to their greatness. It's not like they exist in spite of that. So hopefully it can be a conversation starter about our own families and about disability in general and what that really means, and what its value is.

"Moonlight Sonata: Deafness in Three Movements" premieres Dec. 11 on HBO.

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Wishing you a Merry, Happy...Whatever

The stars of Netflix's latest holiday sitcom sat down with Metro.

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"Merry Happy Whatever" dropped on Netflix Nov. 28 ADAM ROSE/NETFLIX

The holidays are here, and no matter what you celebrate, getting together with family is always a recipe for some colorful moments, and in Netflix's latest multi-cam sitcom "Merry Happy Whatever" that's exactly what you get. Take one ambitious daughter coming home from the west coast to Philadelphia (Bridgit Mendler), add in a sprinkle of a loveable yet clueless "rockstar" boyfriend (Brent Morin), a dash of a sister who is going through some immense changes in her life (Ashley Tisdale), layers of other relatives in a whacky tradition-based family and finish it off with a strict yet fiercely loyal father (Dennis Quaid) and you've got yourself one massive feast of a relatable show that is timed perfectly to the holiday season. Brent Morin, Bridgit Mendler and Ashley Tisdale all sat down with Metro to chat about the show, what they love about having the story set around the holidays and dive into what they hope audiences take away from "Merry Happy Whatever."

How would you describe your characters?

Brent: Matt is a very optimistic hopeless romantic who has a decent sense of delusional confidence, but his heart is always in the right place. He's got this 'everything is going to be okay and I accept you for who you are' kind of attitude, and Dennis Quaid's character is the polar opposite of that — hence the conflict.

Bridgit: I would describe Emmy as a young career lady, but she also has this boyfriend, they're kind of this unconventional pair, but they still have a lot of love for each other. Her family is very unfamiliar with Brett's sort of rockstar lifestyle, so when Emmy brings him home for the holidays she's a little nervous about how they will respond. The Quinn family is more conservative and Emmy sort of reverts back into that which causes some strain in her relationship. But ultimately, she really loves her family and Matt and she wants everybody to get along well.

Ashley: Kayla is the middle child and she's a bit dramatic, but she's also faced with a lot of challenges throughout the season, so I think there's a reason for her emotional turbulence.

Why do you think having the holidays as the backdrop works for this particular storyline?

Bridgit: I think it's just something about this time of year that is reflective for people. You go back home, you reconnect with family and it makes you nostalgic for the way things used to be or frustrated about the difficulty of life, and it challenges you to confront the events of your own life. What you see with the characters are these people bringing the challenges of their own life into the Christmas season, a lot of stuff comes to the surface and the family is forced to process it all at once.

They were potentially thinking of an anthology series focusing on different holidays each season, what holiday would you like to see be the setting next?

Brent: I don't really know where the show is going, that's all on Tucker [Cawley] the mastermind, but someone had mentioned Fourth of July in the Bahamas and I would not be opposed to that. I think the way the show is set up, it could go in any direction. But definitely not Thanksgiving, I have no willpower and would not want to gain 20 pounds in one season.

Bridgit: April Fool's Day: a whole season of pranks.

Ashley: I think Fourth of July would be really fun, especially since we shoot during the summer.

What do you hope audiences take away from the show?

Ashley: I hope they fall in love with the Quinn family. I fell in love with the Quinn family watching it, they're such a cute and crazy family but I love that they have all of these traditions and they make an effort — there is just a lot of love between them.

Catch the first season of "Merry Happy Whatever" in its entirety on Netflix now.

SPORTS

Pats can't afford another loss

A 3-0 finish to the season is a must for Patriots to nab a top 2 seed.

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It's pretty simple math for the Patriots (10-3).

Win the final three games in the regular season and you'll be rewarded with a first round playoff bye.

What won't be simple is winning the meat of this scheduling sandwich, the home game against the surging Buffalo Bills (9-4) on Saturday, Dec. 21.

The Patriots will not only need to win the Bills game to hold off the Chiefs (9-4) in the AFC playoff standings, but they should also be worried about Buffalo actually taking the division crown.

If the Bills beat the Steelers in Pittsburgh this coming Sunday night (tough, but doable), and the Patriots beat the Bengals in Cincy this coming Sunday afternoon, it would set up a game that could have winner-take-all consequences in the AFC East.

The Pats currently own the tie-breaker with the Bills considering they already beat them this year. But if Buffalo were able to come into Foxboro and take down the Pats 11 days from now, it would make things quite murky with secondary tie-breakers coming into play. Here are the NFL division tie-breaker rules and how they affect the Pats and Bills:

1. Head-to-head
2. Win percentage within division (Pats are 4-0, Bills are 3-1)
3. Win percentage in common games (Pats with advantage as Buffalo lost to Cleveland and Philly)

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The eye test tells you that the Patriots' offense is just not right.

The numbers do as well.

Tom Brady hasn't posted a game in which he has had a passer rating of 100.0 or higher (which used to be a weekly occurrence) since Week 5 of the season at Washington.

On Sunday against the Chiefs, Brady finished with a 63.3 passer rating (19-of-36 passing for 169 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT), which was his second lowest mark of the season. The only performance worse was the 45.9 passer rating he submitted against the Bills' elite defense back in Week 4.

The Chiefs' defense is average at best, and the Patriots had to resort to gimmick plays and Brady running the ball himself in order to move the football at critical times.

"Any team that has to run gadgets to beat you shows you the type of team they are," Chiefs defensive end Frank Clark told The Boston Globe. "We played them straight up. It wasn't no gadgets. Played straight hard-nosed football. If you're Tom Brady, you know what defense we're in. You know what's coming at you and they couldn't stop it."

The Patriots' game against Josh Allen and the Bills in 11 days is now looming large. GETTY IMAGES

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Futures: Phillies, Mets with good value

There are plenty of more big moves on the way in baseball this winter, but the Phillies and Braves kicked off the hot stove season this past week by landing pitchers Zack Wheeler and Cole Hamels, respectively.

Neither move altered either team's 2020 World Series odds from when we first examined them a month ago as the Phils are still sitting at +1400 and the Braves are at +1100.

Here are some of the top teams' odds as we look for value.

Astros +550
Yankees +550
Dodgers +600
Braves +1100
Nationals +1200
Phillies +1400
Cardinals +1600
Red Sox +2000
Mets +2000

It's a good idea to target teams here that are likely to make more big free agent moves or trades.

Based on all reports this past weekend, the Phillies are in no way done as they look to add a third baseman and another top-of-the-line starter.

The Mets at +2000 are a good bet here as well given the potential shake-up in ownership in New York. You can bet that Steve Cohen will want to make an immediate splash.

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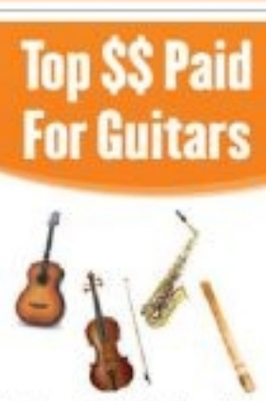

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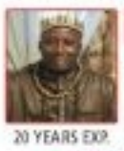

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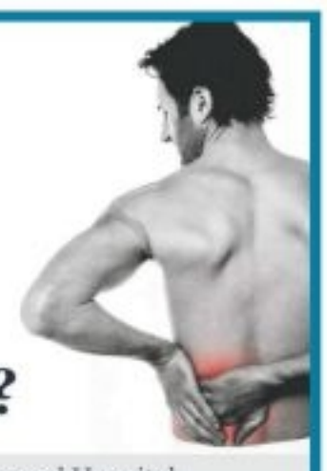

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ACROSS
1 No longer wild
5 Bundles of hay
10 Fragile edibles
14 Become dizzy
15 "__ a dream..." (MLK)
16 Webster or Wyle
17 Martial __; karate, judo, etc.
18 Behead
20 Taro root paste
21 June 6, 1944
22 Tried the patience of
23 Healed
25 Simple card game
26 Poor person
28 Linear measures
31 Give permission to
32 Layered rock
34 Have a meal
36 Lunchtime
37 Brief period of time
38 Sandwich shop
39 Wildebeest
40 Owner/tenant contract
41 Frazier or Ali
42 Bodyguard, e.g.
44 Polite person's word
45 Hit a tennis ball high
46 Deep cleft; gorge
47 Loafers & others
50 Daub of liquid
51 "__ all Greek to me!"
54 Little Irish fellow
57 Ginger cookie
58 Pacific Coast state: abbr.
59 Fraction of a pound
60 Frau's husband
61 Actor Danza
62 Writing tables
63 Catch a glimpse of

DOWN
1 Ensnare
2 Prefix for plane or space
3 Fastidious
4 Ernie with a club
5 Auction participant
6 In the lead, so far
7 Like a mantilla
8 Zsa Zsa's sis
9 Ninth month: abbr.
10 Complete
11 Intention
12 CA's Golden __ Bridge
13 Small outbuilding
19 Fuming
21 Carey or Barrymore
24 Come __; find
25 Water source
26 Hunger pain
27 Without companions
28 Guy
29 Looks over again
30 Business deals
32 Squabble
33 "For __ a jolly good fellow..."
35 Flat __; driver's woe
37 One from Belgrade
38 Forest femmes
40 __ change; pocket coins
41 Spill the beans
43 Priests, rabbis & others
44 T-Mobile store purchases
46 Hen's comment
47 __ machine; casino attraction
48 Submarine sandwich
49 __ house; realtor's event
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56 Paint selection
57 That woman

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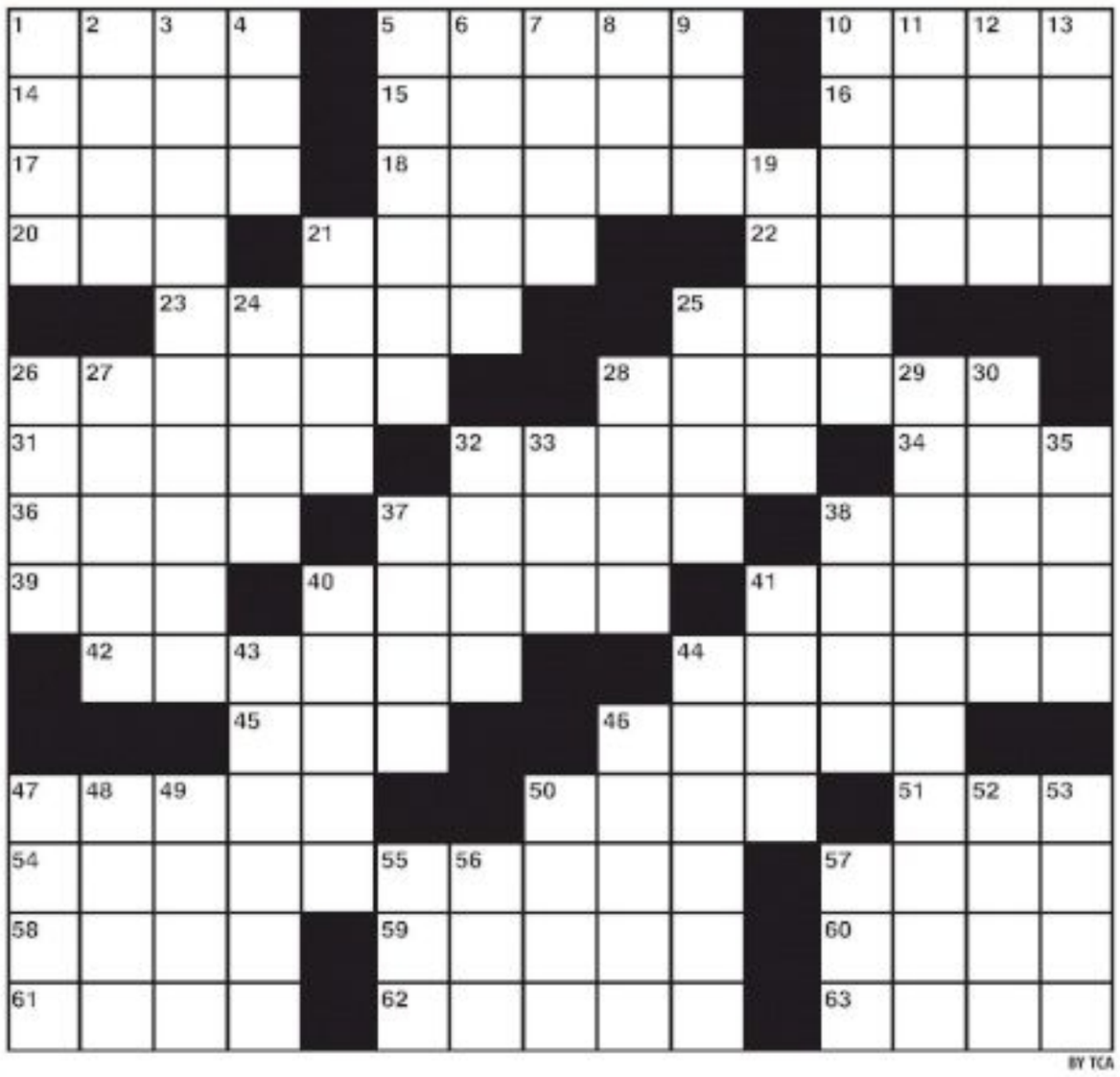

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Aries Think before you spend money. Don't feel that you must buy luxurious gifts or go into debt to keep up with someone who has more disposable income. Smart choices will ease stress.

Taurus Follow your intuition. False information is likely if you listen to gossip or someone who paints an elaborate picture with words. Make decisions based on facts.

Gemini Confusion will set in if you cannot decide what you want to do next. Consider the goals you set and find out what you have to do to fulfill those dreams.

Cancer Nothing will be for sure, so don't feel uneasy trying to find out where you stand. Ask and you will receive all the information required to make the right choice.

Leo Use your charismatic appeal to attract interest in what you are trying to pursue. Personal improvements and new connections can be made if you network or attend a social function.

Virgo Listen to what's being said and consider the validity of what's being offered before you say yes or no. Take your time, as impulsiveness will lead to mistakes.

Libra Take control and finish what you start. Traveling and sharing your ideas will bring excellent results. Refuse to let someone stand between you and what you want.

Scorpio Gifts are heading in your direction. Your ability to negotiate strategically will lead to monetary gain. Get everything in writing and look forward to a positive lifestyle change.

Sagittarius Control your emotions, so you don't appear vulnerable. If someone tries to take advantage of you, be sure to shut them down quickly. Concentrate on what's possible, not on what someone wants you to believe.

Capricorn Your competitive nature will enable you to drum up support to complete whatever you start. Don't waste time; approach whoever is in charge and start working.

Aquarius Evaluate your current position and consider the changes you would like to make. Sign up for a personal consultation that will help you get on track regarding health, physical fitness and diet.

Pisces A pick-me-up will be energizing. There is nothing wrong with taking time out to read a good book or mull over how best to utilize your day. EUGENIA LAST

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